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Charges Against McArthur
Considered Joke.

BUSY RECORD IS CITED

Official Washington Laughs at
Story That Representative
Has Been "Do-Nothing."

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Oct. 31.—Amused comment is common in official circles, and particularly among republican members of the house and senate, over the report that the democratic opposition in the 3d congressional district of Oregon charges Representative McArthur with the possession of a "do-nothing" record. That such criticism should be raised, and so clearly against the facts of record, evokes many extemporaneous reviews of his accomplishments for the nation and his own state during his four terms of office.

Opinion has it that few members of the house have a more consistent record of public service in congress.

Prominence Gained Quickly.
It is recalled that when Representative McArthur first came to the capital, in 1915, his maiden speech attracted wide attention and raised him at once to prominence. He had been appointed to the committee on insular affairs, which was then considering a bill for Philippine independence.

Had the plans of the democratic majority borne fruit, the islands would have been "settled," but republicans held their ground and after much debate won a sufficient number of recruits to defeat the measure. It was Mr. McArthur's speech in opposition to the bill that portrayed accurately and effectively the republican viewpoint and contributed largely to the defeat of the proposal.

Preparedness Is Advocated.

Mr. McArthur was one of the first congressional apostles of preparedness and in union with other representatives who shared his views, among them the late Augustus F. Gardner of Massachusetts, he fought vigorously but vainly during the winter of 1915-16 for improvement in both military and naval forces. It was then that President Wilson spoke of "undue alarm," and then the pacifist element smothered the appeal for arms. Failure to heed this advice resulted in an unprepared entrance into the greatest war of history and the needless sacrifice of thousands of lives and billions in public funds.

The Oregon representative's record during the war was entirely consistent with his patriotism and vision prior to the conflict. He was one of the two members of the house, west of Illinois, who had a 100 per cent record of war and preparedness legislation on the chart of the National Security League.

Veterans' Measures Supported.

With the exception of the bonus bill, recently vetoed, Mr. McArthur has supported every legislative measure in the interests of ex-service men. He declined to support the bonus measure largely because of its inadequacy, as it failed to make provision for raising the revenue required to meet the estimate of \$5,000,000,000. The characteristic soundness of his vote is the better comprehended when it is shown that his individual labors for ex-service men have been indefatigable. He has handled hundreds of compensation and disability claims at the pension bureau and the United States Veterans' bureau and during his four terms has procured the passage of more than 100 private pension bills. All general pension legislation before the house has received his indorsement and vigorous aid.

Important Places Held.

He is now one of the ranking members on the important committee on naval affairs, to which he was appointed in April, 1917. His fellow members regard him as one of the best informed men in congress, whether house or senate, on naval legislation. When the last naval appropriation bill was before the house, in April, 1922, Mr. McArthur was the recognized floor leader of the administration's naval programme. Credit is given him for a major part of the defeat of the attempt to reduce the naval personnel beyond the limits of safety. The programme called for an enlisted naval personnel of 88,000 men, or the "treaty navy," to which the United States was entitled by the terms of the four-power treaty. A determined attempt by naval reductionists to establish the personnel at 88,000 men was effectively fought by Mr. McArthur and Mr. Rogers of Massachusetts, and the administration plan at length prevailed. This service, of great moment in America, drew from President Harding a personal letter of appreciation.

Water Power Bill Backed.

Leagueed with other western members, Mr. McArthur has been continuously prominent in the enactment of water power legislation and the impress of his policy is plainly evident on the statute books. It was his policy that insured the passage of water power legislation designed to attract capital and at the same time to safeguard public interest.

Progressive legislation in general has uniformly found the support of Mr. McArthur. Among the measures of first importance were: A bill prohibiting the movement in interstate commerce of the products of child labor; rural credits act; federal employees' compensation act; the Webb bill to promote export trade; omnibus fish and game bill providing additional funds for the children's bureau in the department of labor; the Burnett immigration bill; woman's suffrage amendment; national budget law.

Labor Bills Favored.

On the chart of the American Federation of Labor Mr. McArthur is recorded as being favorable to labor on 20 out of 40 test votes. He voted against labor eight times and was absent twice. He has uniformly supported wage increases for government employees; also minimum wage legislation; also the civil service retirement law.

Mr. McArthur has long been an advocate of good roads legislation. When the Shackleford road law was before the house in 1916, he was a leader in the fight to obtain fed-

eral funds for roads and trails in forest reserves. This proposal was bitterly fought by the ultra-conservationists. Mr. McArthur and his followers won by a close vote. As a result, several million dollars have been spent on roads and trails in Oregon forests. When the good roads programme collapsed in January, 1921, Mr. McArthur introduced a bill providing funds for continuing co-operative road building with the states for the three-year period commencing July 1, 1921.

Lead Is Taken.

He took the lead in forcing this question to an issue over the protest of a hostile roads committee chairman. To his efforts are unquestionably due the continuation of the road building programme, out of which Oregon will receive a large sum for the current fiscal year.

Mr. McArthur was one of the leaders in the fight to obtain recognition for Oregon in connection with the bill revealing title in the government to Oregon & California Railroad company grant lands. As a result of the efforts of the Oregon delegation in this matter Oregon will receive \$1,250,000 in revenue several million dollars for her road and common school funds.

Mr. McArthur has been a hard worker for rivers and harbors projects, not only in his district but also along the Oregon coast. He and his colleagues have been very successful in getting appropriations for Oregon projects, more than \$5,000,000 of new projects being carried in the last rivers and harbors authorization act. In addition to this, they have secured \$1,250,000 for existing projects for the current year.

Columbia Project Supported.
Mr. McArthur obtained the passage of a bill authorizing a naval establishment at the mouth of the Columbia. Bids for the initial work are now being advertised. This is the only new naval establishment authorized by congress since the world war.

During his first term in congress Mr. McArthur obtained the passage of a bill enlarging the boundaries of the Bull Run reserve and another bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to make exchanges for privately owned land within the reserve. These measures were designed to give better protection to Portland's water supply.

Mr. McArthur has been on the job early and late for the department favors for Oregon. One of the results of his efforts is the decision of the district manager of the United States veterans' bureau to recommend the leasing of the Pierce sanitarium by the government.

Harding's Friendship Enjoyed.

Mr. McArthur enjoys the confidence and friendship of official Washington. He is a personal friend of President Harding (the two served on a joint commission when Harding was senator). He is a personal friend of "Dick" Longworth, the next republican floor leader. He knows all the men of consequence in the various departments. He enjoys the rare distinction of a speaking acquaintance with every man who has served in the house during his four terms of service. He is held in high regard by Speaker Gillett and is frequently called upon to preside over the house. He and Representative Longworth (Ohio) and Tillison (Connecticut) are rated as the best presiding officers in the house.

LECTURER TO BE GUEST

Sir Gilbert Parker Will Have Reception at Press Club.

Sir Gilbert Parker, the noted British novelist and statesman, who is scheduled to speak at the Heilig theater tomorrow night, will arrive in Portland from San Francisco tomorrow morning at 7:29 o'clock. His 24 hours here will be run on schedule, something being planned for every minute. Chief among the entertainment features will be an informal reception for him at 10 A. M. at the Portland Press club, members of the club acting as hosts.

CUSTOMS HOUSE SEIZED

Vessel Owner, Alleging Grievance, Takes Action.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Oct. 31.—With a threat to shoot if any effort were made to dislodge him, a man said to be Captain Freeman, owner of the launch Narbethong, took possession of the customs house here today, holding the building for several hours until he was induced by officers to yield peacefully.

The man was finally given a paper signed by Fred Stork, a member of parliament, promising an investigation into wrongs he said he had suffered at the hands of the federal marine department.

Vets X 99.—Dan Kellisher for city commissioner.—Adv.

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BANKING BUSINESS QUIT

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Looks for
Spiritual Education on Help
From Arthur Stillwell.

Our American Adventure, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
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ARTICLE VI (Continued).

On the occasion of my last lecture in New York I introduced Arthur Stillwell to the audience, saying: "I am only in a position to talk of these wonderful matters, but here is a man who experiences them in his own person." He came up on the platform at my request and acquainted himself very well in a quarter of an hour's talk. He is one of those to whom I look to carry on the work when I am gone. His history is certainly a marvelous one. He has a daimon, as Socrates had, who advises him and whose advice must be followed lest worst befall. It comes I understand, as a vision in the night. Stillwell as a young man was well placed in an insurance business. The daimon told him to resign and go west and build railroads. He was not an engineer, yet he obeyed. He has now laid more miles of rail than any other living man. When he was laying the South Kansas line the terminus was to be Galveston. The daimon told him to halt the line short of the terminus and build a canal thence to the sea. It was done. Four days later came a tidal wave and convulsion which for the time wiped Galveston off the map, and the canal was a harbor of refuge. So again and again, beyond all doubt or question, this wonderful guide has led him through life.

The last great feat of the guide was to dictate a plan by which the world could be relieved of the pressure of war debt. Stillwell published the revelation under the name of "The Great Plan." I was at one of the few in England who took it seriously, and I wrote an account of it to the Evening Standard. It was met by all sorts of minor objections, people failing to understand that an absolutely abnormal situation must be met in an abnormal way. If there has been immense temporary pressure upon a nation it is not attempted to meet that pressure entirely out of the shattered revenues, but the credit of the estate is pledged for the time when in the future it shall have recovered. If the world be taken as the estate, that is the simple but effective idea in Stillwell's plan.

The idea, expressed very shortly, is that every nation shall pay a reasonable sum every year to a certain fund and shall pledge itself to continue to do so for 70 years. Notes shall be issued and passed into circulation so that they can be used as currency, which shall be guaranteed by the fund, not as it now is, but as it will be at the end of that period. So we make the resources of the future available for the payment of war debts and other uses of the present. This, of course, is the merest sketch, but it has the germ of the idea. It would be international money with an international guarantee.

Larger Field Desired.

Mr. Stillwell spoke very well and I only hope some larger field may be opened up for him. Houdini was present at this—or it may have been some other—New York lecture, and escorted my wife out down a passage which they "imagined" would be a short cut but which actually ended in a padlocked door. Houdini put out his big right hand and gathered up the padlock as one picks a plum from a tree. The way was opened to the street.

I had now done the great eastern cities and the time had come to continue my work by lecturing in some of the larger inland centers. Before doing so I ran up to New Haven, where I gave a lecture to an audience consisting largely of Yale students who received the subject in a very sympathetic fashion. Yale is not quite so old as Harvard, and indeed represents a secession from Harvard on the part of those who thought the Boston university was too liberal in its ideas. The outside of the colleges, however, with the old trees in front of them, and the great green common, gives the European visitor an impression of mellow growth which he seldom receives in this hustling community. After this short sally I prepared for the longer trip which was really to be a final one, ending up in Chicago. I felt impelled to take my whole party with me, as the spiritualists were to give us a formal welcome in Chicago and we felt that it would be a remembrance which the children would always carry with them.

To be continued.

GIRL, 15, TRIES SUICIDE

BOY, 20, IS ARRESTED ON
SERIOUS CHARGE.

Youth Accused of Taking Arzella Sullivan From Dance Hall and Giving Her Hypodermic.

Arzella Sullivan, 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. Clay Dawson, 1409 Olympia street, walked into her room Monday night and drank poison with suicidal intent. Prompt action by a physician saved her life.

The story she told her mother and her stepfather to account for her long absence resulted in Harold Fosdick, 20, 621 Cook street, sometimes known as Lee Garren, being taken into custody last night by the women's protective division. Charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor will be laid against him, with the mother as complainant.

Arzella declared she met Fosdick at a dance at the Midway resort, Union avenue and Columbia boulevard; that he took her over town on a street car at about midnight, gave her a hypodermic and that she remembered nothing thereafter until she woke up in a movie theater Monday afternoon. She said she did not know where the night was spent.

Mine Chief Killed.

BURKE, Idaho, Oct. 31.—Michael E. Welch, superintendent of the Hercules mine here, was killed today while coming to the surface in the mine hoist. Just how he was killed is not known, but it is believed that a piece of iron pipe, from a quantity of mine equipment that was being carried in the hoist, struck him in the head, crushing it. Mr. Welch had been in the mines in the Coeur d'Alenes for many years and was well known throughout the district.

\$13,423.97 Is Returned.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.) Of the \$15,000 appropriated by the legislature of 1920 to cover the work of J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, in connection with the administration of the soldiers' educational aid act only \$1576.03 has been used, according to Mr. Churchill's report to the state budget commission today. Mr. Churchill is returning \$13,423.97 to the state treasury as the unexpended balance of this appropriation.

New Pastor Appointed.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Announcement of the appointment of Rev. W. P. Reagar, pastor of the McKinley Park Christian church, to the pastorate of the First Christian church, Tacoma, has been made. Rev. Mr. Reagar will take up his new duties in two weeks and will succeed Rev. Herman P. Williams, who left September 1 to go to Seattle, where he is teaching theology.

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